

THE KING AND QUEEN

General

But Kumarsen, the .Queen's
brother,
is already punished for his
sister's
temerity- His army is routed,
he is
hiding for his life. His uncle,
Chaft-
drasen, is only too eager to be
seated
upon the vacant throne.
Make him
the king, and leave this
unfortunate
country to peace.

Vikram

It is not for punishment
that I stay
here; it is for fight. The fight
has
become like a picture to a
painter.
I must add bold lines, blend
strong
colours, and perfect it
every day.
My mind grows more and
more im-
mersed in it, as it blossoms
into forms;
and I leave it with a sigh
when it is
finished* The destruction is
merely
its materials, out of which it
takes its
shape. It is a creation. It is
beautiful
as red bunches of pofroft,
that break